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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public service announcements by candidates
2 for public office and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 68A.507 Public service
2 announcements by candidates — restrictions.

3 A candidate for public office shall not appear in any public
4 service announcement that is funded in whole or in part with
5 public funds, within ninety days of a primary or general
6 election in which that individual is a candidate.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill provides that a candidate for a state, county,
9 city, or school office shall not appear in any taxpayer-funded
10 public service announcement within 90 days of a primary or
11 general election in which that individual is a candidate.

12 As provided in Code section 68A.701, a willful violation of
13 any provision of the campaign finance Code chapter is a serious
14 misdemeanor punishable by confinement for up to one year and
15 a fine of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875. A variety
16 of civil remedies are also available in Code section 68B.32D
17 for a violation of Code chapter 68A or rules of the ethics and
18 campaign disclosure board, ranging from a reprimand to a civil
19 penalty of not more than \$2,000.